What is an involuntary transfer?

Who would use this service?

Is there an extra charge for this service?

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An involuntary transfer of a motor vehicle is a transfer of ownership due to legal action or something other than a voluntary transaction. These applications are complex and generally not handled in Motor Vehicle Service Centers. DMV reviews legal opinions and court decisions to process involuntary transfers.

Anyone with an application that would fall under one of the categories described below may wish to use this service:

- glider kits incomplete units of semi-tractors which are purchased and assembled into a complete unit (e.g., a cab, or cab axle): ownership of the glider kit is initially transferred with a bill of sale, rather than the title or a Certificate of Origin.
- no trace of ownership an applicant seeking to register a vehicle without a certificate of title; the applicant must provide some proof of the background of the vehicle
- liens towing and storage liens, mechanics and storage liens, self service storage facilities lien and landlord liens

There is no charge other than the normal title fee, sales tax, registration fee, and a counter service fee as appropriate.

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